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Remarks

In the non-final Office Action mailed on 13 June 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12, 14-17, 19, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tawill et al. (United States Patent Number 6,622,163) and rejected claims 5-6, 9, 13, and 18 as rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tawill in view of what was well known in the art as evidenced by Ciolli et al. (United States Patent Number 2002/0,141,618).

Claim 20 was objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 15 and intervening claim 16, but was found otherwise allowable if appropriately re-written. Applicant has amended independent base claim 15 to incorporate the essential recitations of claims 16 and 20 and cancelled the dependent claims 16 and 20.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12, 14-17, 19, and 21 under §102(e) as anticipated by Tawill et al. In the interest of advancing the application to allowance and to better protect the invention, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 10, and 15 to incorporate therein essential aspects of the subject matter of claims 16 and 20 that applicant believes are at the core of Examiner's finding that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form that included the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Dependent claims 4, 7-8, 11-12, 17, 19, and 21 have been amended to make them consistent with the independent claims. Claim 16 has been canceled.

In view of these present amendments, Applicants urge that the independent claims 1, 10, and 15 are patentably distinct from Tawill or any of the prior art of record, considered individually or in any combination thereof. The dependent claims, 2-4, 7-8, 11-12, 14, 17, 19, and 21, depend upon these three independent claims, which are asserted to be allowable. For at least the same reasons as presented above, Applicants maintain that all dependent claims are patentably distinct from Tawill or any of the prior art of record, considered individually or in any combination.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of

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claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12, 14-15, 17, 19, and 21.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected dependent claims 5-6, 9, 13, and 18 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tawill in view of what was well known in the art as evidenced by Ciolli et al. Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections are rendered moot by the amendments to independent claims 1, 10 and 15. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5-6, 9, 13, and 18.

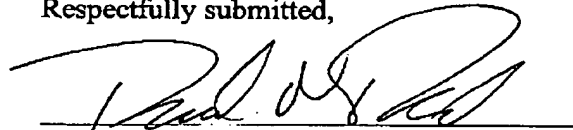
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Conclusion

Applicant has amended various claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection and has cancelled claims 16 and 20. Claims 17-19, and 21 have been amended to correct dependencies. Applicant has thoroughly addressed the Examiner's §102 and §103 rejections and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of same.

No additional fees are believed due. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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